

PUBLIC HEARING RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MAY 22, 2012

The Rush County Board of Commissioners held a Public Hearing, Tuesday, May 22, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. at the Rushville High School Cafeteria, with Commissioners, Tom Barnes, Marvin Cole, Ken Masters, Deborah Adams, Auditor, and Leigh Morning, County Attorney in attendance.

Commissioner Tom Barnes called the public hearing to order. Barnes instructed the public that according to “open door law” the public hearing was for discussion purposes only and that no decision was being made that evening. The public hearing was for the purpose to receive public comment on the topic of “Wind Turbines/Farms” potentially coming to Rush County. Barnes informed individuals wanting to make public comment or ask questions must come forward to the microphone to speak and were allowed three (3) minutes on which to speak.

Jim Finan, E.C.D.C. Director introduced Howard Kruger Project Developer of Nordex Wind. Kruger outlined in detail the five (5) factors necessary for wind farms.

1. Wind Speed Potential
2. Power Lines
3. Cooperative Land Owners
4. Zoning Laws
5. A company to build the towers

Questions were asked by John Saxon, Victoria Foley, Jamie Glandon and Mark Bacon A few of their questions:

- Q – Does Nordex own the wind farm
A – No, three developers own the wind farm
- Q – Is Nordex registered with the state?
A – Does not know. Victoria Foley checked and stated they were not. Kruger will contact the legal department and it will be corrected immediately.
- Q – Have you heard of wind eggs
A – No, will look it up
- Q – What are the Economic Benefits
A – 10/11 in Rush County if Henry Co airport works out, turbin technician jobs, office job, snow and weed removal jobs.
- Q – Nordex will hire local construction
A – Nordex uses White and they do the hiring. Milestone will also do job placement.
- Q – Longest standing cooperative agreement
A – two years
- Q – Health issues
A – No, glad to send three health studies

- Q – Tax abatements, common practice to receive 10 years
A – Yes, common, but have not received PPA yet to determine if necessary
- Q – Is Nordex paid any subsidy for the project
A – No, it goes to the company that owns the project
- Q – If dismantle, what about ground conditions
A – Kruger shared what concrete experts shared
- Q- Is there a back-up generation system
A - No

Motion to adjourn was received from Marvin Cole. Ken Masters seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

<u>/s/Tom Barnes</u>	<u>/s/Marvin Cole</u>	<u>/s/Ken Masters</u>
Tom Barnes, Chairman	Marvin Cole	Ken Masters

ATTEST:

/s/Deborah C. Adams
Deborah C. Adams, Auditor